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COLLEGE PLEDGES HAVE PASSED THE \$300,000.00 MARK

\$50,000 From the Presbyterian Church Board is Assured for the Institution.

CONTINUING THE CAMPAIGN

Conditions for the \$75,000 Pledge Have Not Yet Been Fully Satisfied, is Report.

The Alma College campaign has passed the \$300,000 mark, according to an announcement made by Mr. Phelps Newberry, the General Chairman. Launched April 3 in Gratiot county and confined up to the present time to the Saginaw, Bay City, Flint and Grand Rapids districts, the results so far achieved make it certain that the college will secure the \$50,000 conditional gift pledged by the General Board of Education of the Presbyterian church. The conditions attached to the \$75,000 pledge made by the General Education Board, however, have not been met. In order to secure that gift approximately \$140,000 must be raised during the next few weeks.

The conditional pledges made by the Presbyterian Board and the General Education Board, together with other pledges received before the present campaign started, total \$192,000. The city of Alma in which the college is located has raised \$60,000. Of this amount the students and faculty contributed \$14,000. Presbyterian groups in Grand Rapids and Bay City have already raised \$25,000, and have appointed committees to continue the campaign. More than \$17,000 has been raised in the Flint and Saginaw regions, and the campaigns there are being continued. In addition, more than \$8,000 has been secured from districts in which there has been no organized campaign, but in which the college has enthusiastic supporters.

With the campaign either completed or well under way in the northern and central portions of the state, friends of Alma College are now centering their attention upon Detroit, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Jackson, Hillsdale, Adrian, Pontiac and adjacent districts.

Alma is the only Presbyterian college in Michigan and the only college of its kind in the northern and central parts of the state. Detroit Presbyterians are organizing to take their place in the fore-front of the effort being made to secure a total of \$665,000 for the college before commencement time in June.

SENIOR CLASS PRESENTS PLAY

"All-of-a-Sudden-Peggy" to Be Given at High School Auditorium Friday Night.

The Senior class of Alma high school will present, under the direction of Miss True Irwin, Ernest Denney's clever three-act comedy, "All-of-a-Sudden-Peggy," in the auditorium of the high school Friday evening, April 29, at 8:00 o'clock.

The play has both a modern setting and modern costumes. The story centers around Hawkhurst, the country home of Lady Crackenthorpe, and her family. To this home have come unwelcome guests, Mrs. O'Mara and her daughter, Peggy. Lady Crackenthorpe is determined to prevent the match between her son and Peggy. The amusement and clever dialogue of the comedy are the result of the suddenness of Peggy and the consequence of her suddenness.

The cast follows:
Anthony, Lord Crackenthorpe—William Collins.
Hon. Jimmy Keppel, his brother—Russell Murphy.
Major Archie Phipps—Frank Bentley.

Jack Menzies—Floyd McDavid.
Parker—Paul Moore.
Lucas—Jean Lignian.
Lady Crackenthorpe—Elizabeth Williams.

Millicent Keppel, her daughter—Doris Bradford.
The Hon. Mrs. Colquhoun—Emeline McPaul.

Mrs. O'Mara, wife of Prof. O'Mara—Leta Thomas.
Peggy, her daughter—Mildred Schick.

Watch for Alpha Theta play, College Chapel, May 6.—adv

PLAY TWO

College Nine Hits Road for Two M. I. A. A. Games.

Coach Steele's Alma College baseball aggregation will take to the road this week for the first Michigan intercollegiate games of the season, meeting Hillsdale and Adrian on foreign fields.

The Blue and White tossers of Hillsdale are to be played on the Hillsdale diamond on Friday and on Saturday the team will meet the Adrianites at Adrian.

Both of these teams are reported as being unusually strong this season and the Maroon and Cream aggregation will be able to count itself lucky if it manages to stow away both games. An even split is about the best that local fans should expect. With Gruell in the box Hillsdale will furnish Alma with a royal time. Last year he gave Alma and other M. I. A. A. teams a great deal of trouble and is reported to be in still better shape this year than last. Funk, who will undoubtedly be in the box for Adrian, is also a classy hurler, who has proven troublesome for Alma teams in past years.

Just what the lineup will be for the coming games is somewhat of a question, but it is almost certain that Waggoner will be behind the bat. Rathburg will undoubtedly be at first and Kiker at second. Short and third may be held down by C. L. Williams, Marks or Dancer.

H. Williams, Terrant and Rose are regarded as the most logical selections for the outfield, although any one of two or three others may get the call. Williams will be the only veteran in the outfield it is expected. French is expected to be the hurling selection for the opening game of the week against Hillsdale Friday, with Scott in reserve for the following day.

HIGH SCHOOLERS DEFEAT INDIANS

Chaffin Holds Redskins at Bay While Teammates Pound Ball Hard.

"Chief" Nevitt's Mt. Pleasant Indian School base ball team was duly calmed on Republic Field Tuesday afternoon by the Alma High School team, which romped over the Redskins to the tune of 12 to 3 in a game that saw the Alma aggregation pound the pill hard, and back up the splendid twirling of Chaffin in the fashion, except for two innings when the fielders faltered to some extent in their support.

Chaffin, who was in the box for the Almatites, was in rare condition for an early season game. He allowed only three hits, and except for his loose play behind him in the first and seventh, would not have been scored on. He struckout sixteen men during the fray, four of these coming in the first inning. On one third strike Lyons, catcher, dropped the ball, and the Redskin beat the throw to first, and scored on a hit by Walker. In the seventh errors aided the Indians to two more counters.

Garrow was the pitching selection that Nevitt made, and it was a poor one, as the Orange and Black team pounded him hard during the first inning and when the smoke had entirely cleared away seven runs had been chalked up for Van's aggregation. Anise was the next sacrifice that the Indians offered up, being sent to the box in the second to replace Garrow. He was well greeted by the high schoolers, who pounded him for two runs in the second frame and then grabbed two more in the third. This settled the hash for Anise, and the skids were put under him. Walker being sent to the box in the fourth. Walker pitched a good brand of ball for the balance of the game, Alma being able to connect with his offerings to advantage only in the sixth, when the final run was counted.

It is evident from the showing made in Tuesday's fray, which had originally been carded for Friday, but rained off at that time, that the high school will have a strong aggregation this year. Chaffin in addition to pitching a fine game was there with the stick work, getting four hits out of as many trips to the plate. Lyons and Waggoner also patted the pill in good style.

Indians — 1 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 — 3
Alma high — 7 2 2 0 0 1 0 0 x — 12
Batteries: Indians—Garrow, Anise, Walker and Akins. Alma—Chaffin and Lyon.

THETA ALPHA EPSILON

The Theta Alpha Epsilon of the Christian church Bible school will give its monthly literary-musical Friday at 8:00 p. m., May 6. The program is open to the public and everybody heartily welcome. A social program for the members and invited guests of the society follow.

Do you do things All-of-a-Sudden?

TWO NEW BOOKS ARE WRITTEN BY AN ALMA WOMAN

One Will Come From Presses During May and the Other in June.

MRS. FRANCIS KING IS AUTHOR

Volumes by President of National Horticultural Society Are About Flowers.

Mrs. Francis King of this city, who is one of the well known American authorities on flowers and flower gardens, has written two more books on flower gardens, which like her book, "The Well-Considered Garden," published in 1915, promise to have a large sale when they come from the presses and reach the hands of the booksellers of the country.

One of these books, to be published about May 10 by Charles Scribner's Sons of New York, has the title, "Pages from a Garden Note-book." This book is a companion volume to "The Well-Considered Garden," published previously, and contains several pictures made from Mrs. King's garden here.

The second book, which is to be issued in June, promises to become popular with those who have only a small space to devote to flowers. This book is smaller than the others. It will be called "The Little Garden," and will be issued from the presses of the Atlantic Monthly of Boston.

This book contains advice on the planning and the planting of the small lot and garden. It is illustrated from the flower groupings in the garden here, and also has some pictures from gardens in Saginaw.

Mrs. King has long been recognized the country over as one of the best authorities in the country on flower gardens, in which she has always been deeply interested. Her efforts in horticultural activities in the past brought her, not long ago, a fitting reward for her endeavors when she was elected as president of the National Horticultural and Agricultural Society.

IS POSTPONED

Collins Case Set by Moinet for Trial on May 9.

Judge E. J. Moinet has set the trial of the Oscar Collins murder case for May 9.

It had been expected that the trial of this case would be started on Monday of this week, subpoenas having been issued and served on the various witnesses by the prosecution, but the fact that one of the witnesses could not be present the first of the week, whose testimony promises to be of vital importance in the case, it was intended to lay it over for a few days and take up some minor criminal cases, but these were quickly disposed of, and the court then decided to set the Collins case for May 9.

Coming! Successful comedy—"Mr. Jim." Watch for the date.—adv.

SEA OF MUD

Rain Causes Hold Up Friday and Mud on Saturday.

The Alma College baseball team is still waiting to start the 1921 season, the games for last Friday and Saturday with the Mt. Pleasant Normals having been indefinitely postponed. The Friday tilt at Mt. Pleasant was called off by rain and Saturday's fray because it would have taken a bunch of mud hens to have wallowed around the sacks on the diamond at Davis field. The high school game for Friday with the Mt. Pleasant Indians on Republic field was also called off because of rain.

The Friday game, which was to have taken the place of the game with Mt. Pleasant the previous week when snow interfered with the opening of the season, is probably off the schedule entirely, but there is every prospect that the second game of the two will be played at a later date on the schedule, and that Alma fans will get a chance to look over LeCronier and Brooks, who form the premier college pitching staff of the state.

SALVATION ARMY DRIVE APPROVED

Quota for Gratiot County in the Annual Campaign Placed at \$4,000.00.

President Warren G. Harding has placed his official endorsement on the Salvation Army's appeal for \$225,000 in Michigan between May 9 and 17.

In a letter to Henry M. Leland, president of the Salvation Army's state advisory board, President Harding said:

"Having seen very much of the useful and patriotic work of the Salvation Army in all parts of the country, and having an opportunity to familiarize myself with its work both here and abroad during the war, I am very glad, indeed, to give my endorsement to your campaign for extension of its efforts. The Salvation Army surely deserves well of all appreciative and loyal Americans and I wish you all success."

Gratiot county's quota of the Salvation Army appeal is \$4,000.00.

Chairman Jerome Kanter, who has charge of raising the \$4,000 in this county, is all "ready to go."

"I feel sure the people of Gratiot county know of the great work the Salvation Army is doing in Michigan and will respond as readily and liberally to the coming appeal May 9 to 17 as they have in the past," Chairman Kanter said today.

The hardware stores of E. C. Clapp and Glass & Hannah will be open Wednesday and Saturday evenings of each week.—adv.

Hemstitching and pleating. Mail orders given prompt attention. The Quality Shop, Grace Rowell, Ithaca, Mich.—"97-2w.

Buster Keaton and Wm. H. Crane in "The Saphead"—Strand, Thursday and Friday.—adv.

Zane Grey's "Desert Gold"—Strand, Sunday and Monday.—adv.

BIRD J. TUCKER COUNTY OFFICIAL DIED ON FRIDAY

Had Been Register of Deeds for Gratiot County for Nearly Ten Years.

FUNERAL HELD ON SUNDAY

Body Was Taken to His Old Home at Summer That Afternoon For Burial.

Bird J. Tucker, register of deeds for Gratiot county since 1912, died at his home in Ithaca late Friday afternoon after a long period of failing health.

Elected in 1912 as register of deeds, he has continued to hold that office since that time, and was serving his fifth term in the office at the time of his death.

Last fall Mr. Tucker suffered from a serious illness from which he did



BIRD J. TUCKER

not fully recover, but after five or six weeks resumed his office work. This spring he was again taken ill, this being less than three weeks ago, and he gradually failed until the end came.

In spite of the fact that a stroke of paralysis left him in such a condition that he was forced to use crutches continuously he was always of a cheerful, happy disposition.

Surviving Mr. Tucker are his wife, and two daughters, Mrs. Paul Hillburn of Ithaca and Mrs. Bert Struble of Ithaca.

Previous to the time that Mr. Tucker was elected as register of deeds of the county, he had resided in Alma for a short time, and had a host of friends in this city.

The funeral, which was held at the late home in Ithaca on Sunday, was private. Rev. C. I. Beebe of the Ithaca M. E. church officiated. The body was taken to Summer for burial.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

J. D. Webster and H. B. White of Lansing, graduates of the Northern Illinois College of Chicago, Illinois, and registered optometrists will open an optical parlor and lens grinding machinery in the F. E. Pollasky building, suite 2, May 2nd. First class work guaranteed while you wait. Watch paper for advertisement.—adv.

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MOTHERS' DAY

Graciebeck Issues Proclamation for Observance of Mothers' Day.

It is a beautiful custom which decrees that one Sunday in the year shall be set apart for the purpose of honoring the memory of the mothers who have gone from us and of paying a tribute of affection and reverence to those who are still left to us. It is impossible to compute our debt to our mothers. Their devotion and sacrifice guarded and cherished and cared for us from the cradle up to manhood and womanhood. To them most of us owe whatever there is of sterling character in our make-up. The mother is the heart of the home, and from the hearthstones, around which linger the recollections of our mothers, come inspirations that give hope and courage and steadfastness to fight the battle of life.

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Michigan, I do hereby designate and set aside Sunday, May 31st, as Mothers' Day, and I call upon our people, both young and old, to gather in their several places of worship and take part in services appropriate to the day.

And let absent sons and daughters take this occasion to visit the mother in the old home, or, where such a visit is impossible, let them send a message of cheer and greeting.

In accordance with a resolution of the Congress of the United States, I further request the people of Michigan on the day aforesaid to display the United States flag in their homes and in other suitable places, as a fitting expression of their desire to pay homage to American motherhood.

"It's all for the good of the family go"—come and see "All-of-a-Sudden-Peggy."—adv.

ORGANIZE RETAIL BUREAU TONIGHT

Meeting of Retail Merchants of City Will Be Held Here This Evening.

At a luncheon and meeting of the retail merchants of the city to be held at 6:15 this evening at the sugar factory boarding house on Court avenue, it is expected that the proposed Retail Merchants Bureau of the Alma Chamber of Commerce will be consummated.

Expectations are that in the neighborhood of fifty or sixty of the retail merchants of the city, who are members of the Chamber of Commerce will be present at the meeting.

L. P. Thurston, secretary of the retail division of the Chamber of Commerce at Kalamazoo, one of the hustling organizations of the kind that Michigan boasts, will be the principal speaker of the evening. It is expected that he will furnish the local retail merchants with some convincing arguments as to the need that any community has for an organization of the retailers as a valuable adjunct of a Chamber of Commerce.

A clever comedy, the Senior play, A. H. S., "All-of-a-Sudden-Peggy."—adv.

NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM READY TO CONNECT UP

Union Company Expects to Make Cut-over Late Saturday Evening.

IMPROVED SERVICE EXPECTED

Cost of Rebuilding Outside Plant and Installing Switchboard Over \$100,000.

The Union Telephone Company has practically finished the installation of its new outside plant and the new switchboard, in the enlarged offices, and is preparing to make the cut over from the old system to the new one before the week is over.

The work of rebuilding the plant here has been the work of months, and it is understood that it cost the company approximately \$125,000 to complete the work. In speaking about the new switchboard, the outside plant and the cut over to the new system, J. W. Melchers, general manager of the company, said:

"For the past year we have been very busily engaged in the building of an entire new telephone plant for the city of Alma. The new plant is a much larger and more efficient plant than we have had heretofore and we have provided facilities so that we will be able to take care of more than double the number of telephones that are now working in the city of Alma. We had hoped to have all the work completed so as to change over to the new system by January 1st, last; but, on account of various delays experienced in the shipment of materials and the switchboard, we were not able to complete the work by that time. However, we are now glad to announce that on April 30, at 11:30 p. m., we will cut over to the new plant."

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WILL CONVEIN IN ALMA NEXT WEEK

Gratiot County W. C. T. U. Will Hold a Two Day Convention in Alma.

The thirty-sixth annual convention of the Gratiot County W. C. T. U. will be held in the first M. E. church in this city on Wednesday and Thursday, May 4 and 5.

The convention promises to be an interesting one, especially the evening session of Wednesday at which time Mrs. E. L. Calkins, president of the state W. C. T. U. will give an address on law enforcement. Officers for the coming year will be elected at the Thursday morning meeting.

The program follows:

Wednesday, 10 a. m.

Call to order, Mrs. Ella H. Wood of Alma, president of county association.

Devotions, led by Mrs. Merle Welch of Ithaca.

Roll call of officers and auxiliaries.

Response with quotations from Proverbs.

Seating of delegates.

Adoption of program.

Experience of local presidents, by Mrs. Eva Hetzman of Breckenridge.

Appointment of Committees.

Announcements.

Noontide prayer.

Wednesday, 1:30 p. m.

Devotional hour, Mrs. Ethel Mudge of Ashley.

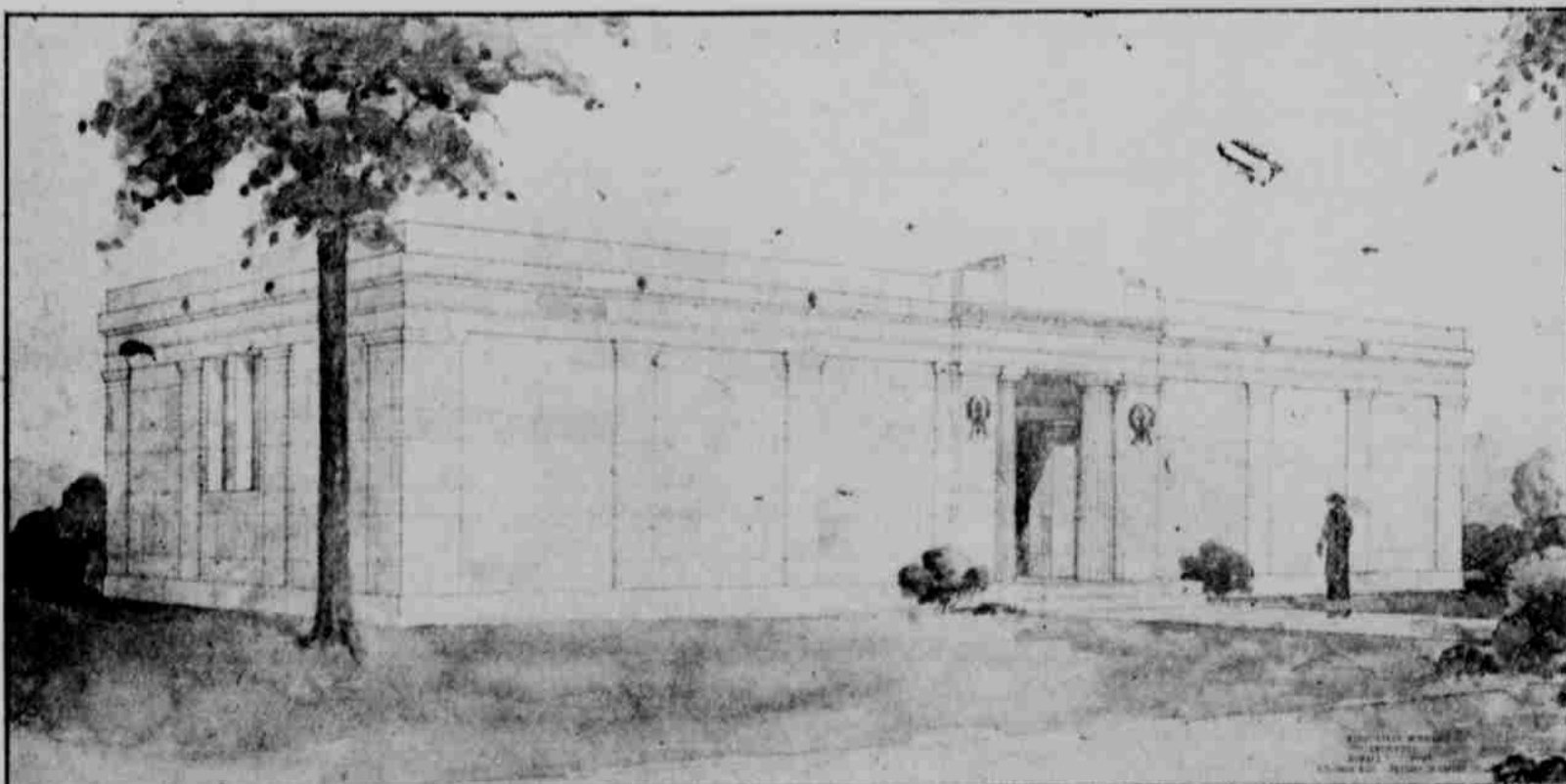
Greetings: Church by Rev. Duffey, schools by Supt. Kelder, clubs, Mrs. Notestein, and local W. C. T. U. by Mrs. H. N. Allen.

Duet, Mrs. McKenzie and Mrs. Hudson.

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2½ hours of solid fun—"All-of-a-Sudden-Peggy."—adv.

WORK ON ALMA'S \$65,000.00 MAUSOLEUM WILL START SOON



Above is a view of a mausoleum, recently built by the Flowers Co. of Toledo, which is very similar to the one which the Ohio concern expects to build in Riverside cemetery this summer, except that the one that is to grace the local cemetery will be larger. It will cost approximately \$65,000.

The structure to be built here will be about 74 feet long and 57 feet in length, with a double corridor. It will have a dome light in each corridor, a lighting arrangement that heretofore has not been used in the construction of these mausoleums. It will have art glass windows, two in the rear of the structure and one at

each end of the halls. These art windows are re-inforced to keep them from blowing out in heavy storms.

The exterior of the structure will be entirely of Bedford stone, and the interior, including the walls, will be of marble. The floors will be of mosaic tile, with Persian borders. Stately columns will be at the en-

trance. Grill doors will be used in front. On each side of the entrance will be a small room for the use of the funeral directors.

Mr. Flowers expects that work on the structure will be started about the third week in May, after the ground has thoroughly settled. The building is expected to be completed about the middle of September.